

Tennant wants victory in B.C. all-star game



TEAM OF THE WEEK

Major, Rudy Pesechek, Jeff Kinley, Barber and Darrell Houston. Second row: Les Olson, Bobby Lindon, and Brent Freagh. Third row: Marty Smith, Bruce

By KEVIN MITCHELL, Daily News Sports
Joe Tennant thinks the Centennials will definitely try and intimidate his much smaller Interior Division team with a Don Berry says there's no way his West Coast crew will survive such a task in an all-star game. But one thing's for sure: Tennant and his team are ready to play the Vernon Civic Arena Tuesday night in the annual B.C. Junior Hockey League all-star game.

Tennant, who currently has his high flying Merritt Centennials light years ahead of the rest of the pack in the Interior, says he's not optimistic about his chances when he first heard what he had to work with.



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"We're going to get blown out of the rink," were Tennant's initial words, but he soon changed his tune when he said, "There's no way we will be intimidated by anything we see in the rink by the Coastal Division and we've been here the past two years. Come hell or high water we're going to do something to stop them this year."

Tennant was a little concerned at the small size of his forwards, but after realizing the superb goaltending and defence of the team (he went with) he was a much happier coach.

Don Berry, who has only suffered five losses as the skipper of the Coastal Division leading the Vancouver Blazers, doesn't feel intimidation is any part of an all-star game. "No, I don't think we'll be intimidated there. There's no fear type of play in an affair like this."

By Terry of course did acknowledge that his club wears more sweaters of the large variety, but he is confident in the solid netminding and defensive corps he also received for the game.

Both the Blazers and Centennials dominated the all-star teams with Bellingham placing six players on the all-star squad and Merritt putting five on the variety team.

The coastal crew will feature what many people feel to be the best two goalies in the B.C.H.L. in Steve Abbott of Bellingham and Doug Hodges of Chilliwack Collis.

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To be patrolling the left side will be Dale Ames of Merritt, John Neel of Vernon, Clayton Fear of Kamloops and Bruce Cullen of Kelowna, while set for the right side of the ice are Greg Wilson and Gerry Skuta of Penitenc, Bob Deschamps of Merritt and Jay Kozyk of Abbotsford.

Both Cullen and Wilson played on the Kelowna Teamster Midget Pees last year. All 12 B.C.H.L. teams are represented in the all-star game.

The interior will have strength at centre as well as league scoring machine Terry

years ago. In the middle is where the coast will have tremendous strength as Don Fraser of the Blazers, Andy McMurphy of the Flyers, Ted Harrison of Langley Canadians and Nigel Thomas of the Clippers will skate at centre ice.

Brent Denn of Nanaimo, Randy Wickware of Abbotsford, Dave Williams of Delta and Brian Law of Bellingham are the left-wingers, while on the right side are Daryl Leahy of Chilliwack, Evan Williams of Bellingham, Bob Taylor of Langley and Bill Stewart of Abbotsford.

On the blue line for the coast team will be Chris Tucker and Bruce Harris of Bellingham, Don Dierksen and Ken Calder of Nanaimo Clippers, Mike Sutherland of Chilliwack and George Craik of the Vancouver Flyers.

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Cougars and Elks battle tonight

Grindrod Elks' centreman Jim Sparrow thinks the Vernon Sr. Cougars still have a chance to catch the league leading Elks, but unless the Cougars beat the Elks in North Okanagan Hockey League action tonight in Enderby the Elks might as well bring out the hockey.

"The Cougars are a good team," said Sparrow, who at 25 is the smallest player on the Elks, but a player who leads the team in hustle and desire.

"You never know they could still catch us. We're not conceding the league title to them yet."

Last Saturday in Enderby more than 600 fans turned up to see the two arch rivals go at it and another packed game is expected for tonight's clash.

In other games this weekend, the Westside Packers travel to Winfield to battle the Raiders and Rutland Molson take on the Seiders in Revelstoke.

Putland dined Westside 6-1 in the only NOHL game played Friday night at the Mount Boucherie Arena in Westside.

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Panthers go sour, but stuns Suns

Although the sun did shine for the Vernon Senior Secondary School Panthers Friday night in Vancouver, the weather on the basketball court could change unless they sit down to their mistakes.

"We played very poorly, just like we did last night," said the Panthers' coach, who added, "We were making the real poor passes. We weren't hitting our shots and just throwing the ball away."

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Veeds down Vernon, Bucks upset Cents

Vernon Canadians are never really welcome when they travel to Penitenc to battle the Veeds and Friday night in the Peak, city was no exception as the Veeds dumped the Canadians 5-2.

Dave Smith and Craig Cruikshank were the stars of the night, with Smith scoring four goals and Cruikshank adding two in the first three minutes of the close game and spark the Veeds to the victory.

Penitenc also received a boost from Greg Sigan, Dave Coburn and Barry Huber in a game where the teams were tied at 1-1 after one period and 3-2 after two frames.

Dale Stous and Dave Downson scored for Vernon, while Trent Smith scored for the Centennials. Key to the victory was Trent Smith kicked out 29 for the losers.

Meade and Gord Pace, Rick Valdarh and Guyne Corlett scored powerplay goals to lead Kelowna Buckaroos to a 5-1 upset over Interior Division-leading Merritt Centennials in one of four British Columbia Junior Hockey league games Friday night.

The visiting Kamloops Rockets scored goals from five different players and defeat netminding from Ian McEveigh and Doug Deaf.

Pee Wee Reps whip opponents

Vernon Watkins Motor Pee Wee Reps exploded for seven first goals and beat Revelstoke 9-1 in exhibition play Friday in the Civic Arena.

Dave Munk paced the attack with a pair of goals, while assists, Billy Daron, and Rudy Pesechek also netted a pair, while Brent Freagh, and Don Balcombe notched singles.

Kevin Kolbeka scored with five minutes left to spoil Darrell Houston's shut out bid.

In the nets, Houston blocked 18 Revelstoke shots, while Revelstoke, Mike Tripp and Romeo Frank combined to turn aside 44 Vernon shots.

After losing a controversial 8-6 game in Revelstoke on Jan. 7th where a protest was filed against the refereeing, Vernon Reps are determined to have something to prove to Revelstoke.

"They said, 'They made us look like fools in their building and with decent officiating we'll even come out to us.'"

Signal callers differ, but they're talented

MIMI (AP) - Only one tenth of a point separated them in the final passing statistics during the season, but quarterback Roger Staubach of Dallas Cowboys and Terry Bradshaw of Pittsburgh Steelers are two very different people.

Bradshaw, the National Football League's Most Valuable Player, is the league with 28 touchdown passes, more than Staubach, but also threw four more interceptions than Roger's 16. Each completed about 60 per cent of his passes.

In all, the NFL's complicated rating formula gave Staubach a 44.8, Bradshaw's a 44.8.

But they are a study in contrast. Staubach, long acknowledged as one of the game's finest quarterbacks, remains spooned by Dallas coach Tom Landry, who sends in every play from the sidelines and is almost never overruled.

Bradshaw, conversely, has come of age this season, having shed for good the rap that he was less than brilliant by proving he can lead as well as anyone - and better than anyone - in the league.

"The criticism he's gotten is totally unjust. Terry's a very smart young guy," says Staubach, six years older than the 25-year-old Bradshaw.

Royals advance to championship

Vernon Senior Secondary School Royals came up with what coach Delroy Routley calls "the best game I've ever had of any teams I've ever coached." Friday night in Kelowna as they defeated North Kamloops Norriettes to the tune of 92-56.

Top marksmen for the Royals was once again Fay Zwarach as she pumped in 20 points, while Marilyn Dennis topped 20 points and Laurie Frezner 15.

Armstrong win in hoop play

Sheryle Wood and Jane McInnes triggered eight points to pace the Blue Demits to a 2-6 pasting of the Head of the Lake Blues in one of two Vernon Intermediary Women's Basketball League clashes played Wednesday night at Okanagan Landing Elementary School.

Wood and McInnes landed with four points for the Blue Demits who held a commanding 22-half-time lead. Dottie Jones collected four of the six points for the losers FIREWEEDS WIN.

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